



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Tohru KIMURA et. al. ) Group Art Unit: 2627  
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Serial No.: 10/826,524 ) Examiner: DANIELSEN, Nathan Andrew  
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Filed: April 19, 2004 ) Confirmation No.: 1958  
)  
For: Optical Pickup Device, Optical )  
Information Recording and )  
Reproducing Apparatus, Expander )  
Lens, Coupling Lens and )  
Chromatic Aberration Correcting )  
Optical Element )

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In a restriction requirement dated February 7, 2007, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the species of Figures 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 24 and 25. Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the species of Figure 24, claims 1-4, 7, 10-22, 25-28 and 34-36 drawn to an optical pickup device, with traverse, as set forth below. While Examiner has not indicated any generic claims, Applicants assert that claims 1 and 28 are generic.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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